

REMARKS

Claims 27-43, 52-65, and 77-108 were pending in the current application.
Applicants have added new claims 109-148.

Election

Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 77-86, without traverse, and submit that all currently pending claims, including new claims 109-148, are in form for full examination.

Pursuant to this election, Applicants have canceled non-elected claims 27-43, 52-65, and 87-108, without prejudice.

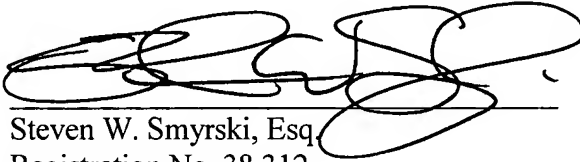
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims of the present application are in condition for search and Examination. Examination and consideration of all of the claims are respectfully requested and allowance of all the claims at an early date is solicited.

Applicants believe that no fees are required with the present response. Should it be determined for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, please charge any insufficiency to ensure consideration and allowance of this matter to Deposit Account 502026.

Respectfully submitted,

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